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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BREMERTON, WA

Pastor's Message

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November 5 was *Elections Day* in America. Predictions say about half of the registered voters will cast their ballots in this “off-year”. As God’s people we are motivated by the call of God to vote. Jesus said, “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s,” (Matthew 22:21), and God says (Romans 13:1) “submit yourselves to the governing authorities.” When we vote we are building a stronger nation and we are honoring the King of the Kingdom of God.

November 11 is *Veterans’ Day*. In church we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and sing, *God Bless America*. We thank God for the many men and women who have faithfully served our nation and so who have helped preserve our freedoms. This week say “thank you,” to a veteran.

November 28 is *Thanksgiving Day*. Thanksgiving Eve at 6:30 the Church will gather for a service of praise and thanks to God. This may have been a hard year for some of us and we may think there is little reason for us to give thanks, nevertheless we can gather and offer our praise to God. God is worthy of our praise and thanks not because of our circumstance but because of who He is and what He has done. So, with the Saints in glory, we shall offer to Him who is worthy our praise and thanksgiving (see Revelation 5:12-13)

Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the Church Year and the end of the long season of Pentecost, is November 24th. We shall bless the Lord Jesus for His work of redemption and for His rule as Lord and King in God’s Kingdom. One day “every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Philippians 2:10-11). Until that day comes we have the high privilege of acknowledging Jesus’ Lordship in our lives right now.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone

286-1090

Important dates at Emmanuel !

- November 16 –Saturday–10:00 AM– Packing party for Operation Christmas Child
- November 17–Sunday– 10:00 AM Food donations for Thanksgiving Baskets and
- November 19–Tuesday–10:00 AM– Coordinating and Packing Thanksgiving Baskets
Order for Poinsettias
- November 28–Thursday–6:30 PM– Thanksgiving Worship Service
- December 14–Saturday–12:00 Noon– Christmas Tea
- December 22–Sunday–10:00 AM– Children’s Christmas Pageant



Christmas Poinsettias

We would like to decorate the Altar with poinsettias for the Christmas Season. If you would like to order one or more please see Carol Henning. They are \$9.50 each, payable when you place your order.



Carol needs your order NO LATER than November 17th.

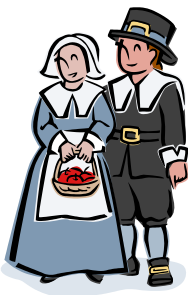


Our Annual Christmas Tea !

Saturday, December 14th is our Christmas Tea. It starts at 12:00 and goes to 2:00. This is open to all (men, women & children). The theme is “Song of the Stars.” This is a potluck.

News from the Childcare Center !

The theme for the month is **Thanksgiving**. Week one; the children studied the season, Fall, Week two; Veterans, Week three; Native Americans and Pilgrims and Week 4; Thanksgiving. They are studying the letters, G, H, and I and numbers 7,8 and 9. They are learning all about the color, brown, and the Hexagon. On November 21st the Preschoolers and Pre-Kindergarteners will be taking a fieldtrip to the Perry Avenue Red Apple Market to shop for items for their special Thanksgiving lunch on Wednesday, November 27th. On November 15th the childcare center is hosting a Veteran, Ron Jackson, a Retired Navy serviceman. He will come in and speak to the children about all of the benefits of serving in the United States Military and share with them all of the places he has been.



Childcare Director—Carverlyne Prothero

Thanksgiving "Gift" Baskets

Emmanuel Lutheran Church wants to put together Thanksgiving Food Baskets for local distribution. So, on Sunday, November 17th a large collection basket will be installed in the Narthex for "your " non-perishable donations. Monetary donations (in an envelope) may also be offered (if by check, made out to Emmanuel) and dropped into the "collection" basket. Food baskets will then be assembled on Tuesday, November 19th at 10:00 AM (at the church). If anyone knows of someone who could use a food basket, please come by the church on November 19th, to help with the "assembling " process.



If you have questions please call Sally Farner (360) 782-0152

A Good Samaritan ? —————-Perhaps an Angel ?

I was stopped at a traffic light, waiting to make a left turn. On my right, a car pulled up with three young guys inside. They had the windows down, and I could hear music coming from their radio.

I looked at them, and noticed they were looking at me. They started making threatening remarks and gestures, and they were becoming quite persistent.

I started assessing the situation. There was nothing in my car that I could defend myself with. I know I couldn't take all three of them (that only happens in the movies!). And I couldn't tell if they were armed or not. Cross traffic was too busy for me to consider just accelerating out of there. Besides, they might have given chase, and their car was faster than my car. I just waited for the left-turn arrow, keeping them just inside my peripheral vision.

Fortunately, the light changed to green and they had to get moving, since there was another car behind them. This car pulled up and stopped next to me, and driver rolled down his window. He told me, "Hey, I just wanted you to know that I would've given you a hand with those guys, if it came to it."

My heart was still pounding , but I smiled weakly and told him, "Thanks, I appreciate it. Just glad they moved on." He waved and drove off.

I headed home, watching and hoping they would not return. I said a little prayer of thanks for this individual who was willing to risk injury to help a complete stranger. I had no idea how it would have gone, had it come to that and I really wasn't interested in finding out!

Bob Klempan

If you have a similar Angel story and would like to share it let Sharie Adrig know.

A Rich History of 66 yearsChapter 17

Pastor Christensen served as Emmanuel’s Pastor in 1990. Fred Hansen served as Council President. Electricity to all the class rooms upstairs was completed. Richard Boyce started recording the church services for the sick and shut-in members. During this year there was a new furnace installed. This year Judy Armstrong served as Parish Education Chairman. The Sunday School took a new approach in the fall of 1990. “They started at 9:30 AM, with a Family Worship geared to children. Then the children went to their classes while the adult worship continued. Once a month, they had an all Sunday School craft time so teachers could attend the whole worship” while one adult remained with the children. “Their puppet friend, Patience, joined them once a month.” There was a small confirmation class of 3. The VBS was small but they considered it a success.

Once again the Women of Emmanuel continued to be very active at the church as well as the community. There was quite networking that happened amongst all the local Lutheran churches. This network of women was called the Olympic Cluster. In March of 1990 our women of Emmanuel hosted an event. As a result of this event \$100 worth of personal paper products went to a women’s shelter in Bremerton. The women continued with their Quilting, Altar Guild, Circle Bible study groups, special events, committees and special worship services. Some of the special events included a Valentine Tea complete with a video titled , “Flying Quilts” which explained how their quilts were distributed and used through Lutheran World Relief. We sent representatives to the 1990 Triennial convention. The theme was “Celebrate God’s Creation.” Our women “promoted this theme by sharing in an Earth Day service. Literature on the problem with Styrofoam and ways to save the earth were distributed. They added glass cups to the coffee hour.” We still are supporting this effort today.

“Our congregation participated in the Plant a Tree ceremony as part of the Triennial Convention celebration. The tree was purchased by the women of Emmanuel and was planted in the second phase of the beautification project. “ Does anyone know which tree this is? Each



Fran Tewksbury (JoEllen Klempan’s mom) teaches VBS in 1990.



Richard and Sylvia Boyce with Emmanuel Youth as they head for a Lutheran convention in San Francisco

month of the year it seemed the women were doing something to help the church or the community. Thank you women for all you did to keep the church involved and visible in the community.

It looks like 1990 was a successful year for the pre-school. They went from 5 to 10 pre-school classes per week. Daycare enrollment grew from 36–77. as a result more staff needed to be hired. In September of 1990 the daycare started taking State funded daycare. This is something that has continued as a service to our community. They

held a Halloween festival which our pre-school / daycare continues to do. The youth at Emmanuel went to San Francisco that year for a youth meeting.

Member's Memories



Denise Williams grew up in Phoenix, Arizona. She has fond memories of her home church, Christian Methodist Gospel. She remembers attending services every week with her two brothers. All three of them sang in the choir and were on the Usher Board. They had rock music services which she loved. When she was a teenager she helped plan many activities to help support the church. They had hayrides and always sang. One activity she remembered in particular was the "Heaven and Hell Party." The Heaven part of the party

included Ice Cream and Cake, which they charged 15 cents, and the Hell part was chili and cornbread, which they charged 25 cents. She said they never missed a Sunday and looked forward to church as a child. If they didn't have a ride they would walk. Her Auntie had sickle cell anemia (like she and her brother). She remembers the church would take a special offering every week to help her Auntie out with hospital bills. They usually averaged between \$300 and \$400 weekly. Her mom and siblings lived with her Grandfather. They called his house the "White House" because it was the biggest house on the block. Her Grandmother was a devoted Christian that was the churchgoer. She remembers everyone piling into her Grandfather's old station wagon and taking a drive to the country every Saturday.

Denise is a retired CNA. She worked at Retsil Veterans Home for 18 years. She loved working with the Veterans. She said they were such kind and caring people. She was very involved with her union. She served as a "shop steward" and "treasurer." She represented many co-workers when they were having a difficult time.

Denise and the family attended Star or the Sea Catholic church when they first arrived in Bremerton. Chelette, Denise's daughter, attended Star of the Sea Catholic School. When Chelette became the director of the daycare she and Lamonte, Denise's grandson, started attending Emmanuel. Denise eventually followed. When she first attended in 2003 Pastor Christiansen was here but when she joined in 2005 Pastor John Foss was here. She has fond memories of Pastor John playing his guitar and delivering his wonderful messages. She and the family started out by helping with coffee hours. After she retired she volunteered at our daycare. She has helped with Vacation Bible School for the past three years.

She loves Emmanuel Lutheran Church. She thinks that Pastor Tim is a great pastor. She loves his messages and loves singing the songs that are picked for our worship services. Denise says, "it is wonderful how Pastor Tim cares so much about us (the members)." Denise is excited about our Women's Ministries starting. She is especially excited about being able to sing in a seasonal choir.

Denise, we are so happy you are a part of our congregation. You are so precious to us.

A Rich Tradition Returns.....



If you have been reading the articles about Emmanuel's history you will notice a repeating theme, the women have taken a very active role in the church and what it has become today. Some of us would like to see this tradition return to Emmanuel. In the past, some of the women that we can thank for their involvement are Miki Turowski's grandmother, **Hazel Wuethrick**, Mary Moen's



mom, **Leona Michaels**, Bonnie Mace's mom, **Eloise Pudas**, JoEllen Klempan's mom, **Fran Tewksbury**, and of course our **Evelyn Stouffer**, **Sylvia**

Boyce, **Ida Ficca**, **Judy Armstrong**, **Carol Henning**, **Jean Reed**, **Marialis Jurges**, **Gail Campbell**, **Kay Kannitzer**, **Mary Walker** and **Rose Schmidt**.



On October 27th a group of seventeen women gathered together at Carol Reece's home. During that time Carol presented an Object Lesson, Miki Turowski gave a devotional and Sharie Adrig discussed the importance of bringing women's groups back to Emmanuel. We put together some ideas before and at the retreat to offer the women in our church and community. God has blessed each and everyone of us with special and unique gifts. We should all

have the opportunity to use these gifts and share them with others. The purpose of these groups are to assist the church, assist the community, and first and foremost praise God and share his love and grace.

Some of the groups that are coming from this retreat are the following:

- Landscaping Pregnancy Resource Center Quilters
- Seasonal Choir Food Bank Kitchen
- Adopt the Childcare Knitters and Crocheters
- Cardmaking Women's Bible studies (daytime and evening)
- Emergency Relief Visit Nursing Homes
- Assist with Seasonal Events Host Annual Mother/Daughter's Banquets
- Prayer Groups to support church and people in need An Exercise Group



If any of these interest you and you haven't already signed up contact Sharie Adrig 377-2448

National Memory Screening Day comes to Poulsbo & Port Orchard

Martha & Mary to Hold Free, Confidential Memory Screenings November 19, 2013

As part of National Memory Screening Day—an annual initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) - ***Martha & Mary At Home*** in ***Poulsbo and Port Orchard, WA*** will offer free, confidential memory screenings on November 19th. Qualified healthcare professionals will administer the memory screenings and provide educational materials about memory concerns, brain health and care giving. The face -to-face screenings consist of a series of questions and tasks and take five to 10 minutes to administer.

Screenings will be held from **10 AM to 3 PM on November 19**

Martha & Mary Health Center

19160 Front Street

Poulsbo

360-394-5458

Martha & Mary At Home

2497 Bethel Rd. SW , Suite 101

Port Orchard

360- 871-4425

Please call to make an appointment at your preferred location.

Screeners emphasize that results are not a diagnosis, and encourage individuals who score poorly as well as those who still have concerns to pursue a full medical examination.

The Story Behind the Hymn ————— "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

The author of this hymn was Thomas Obediah Chisholm. He was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. Thomas taught school at age 16 but struggled with employment due to poor health. Through his ups and downs and continual struggles "he discovered new blessings from God every morning. The third chapter of Lamentations 3 became precious to him: "His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: Great is Your Faithfulness" He sent the poems to his friend, William Runyan, who prayed for guidance in composing the music. The hymn was published in 1923 in Runyan's private song pamphlets. Dr. Will Houghton at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago discovered and made it the unofficial theme song for the institute. But it was George Beverly Shea and the choirs at the Billy Graham Crusades that finally made it famous.

"Thomas Chisholm spent his retirement years in a Methodist Home for the Aged in Ocean Park, New Jersey , where he was frequently seen walking by the ocean and along town streets." He died in Ocean Park in 1960. "During his lifetime he wrote 1,200 poems and hymns. "

-taken from "Then Sings My Soul" - Robert J. Morgan —(Thanks to Geri Sutherland for her donation.)



November Birthdays

- 1Larry Farner
- 6Pastor Tim Cartwright
- 6Sabrina Moskowitz
- 22 Callie Woodward
- 24Mark Ditlefsen
- 28April Mills

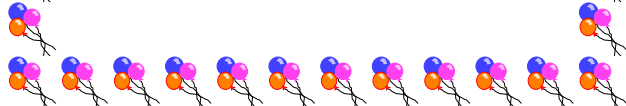
November Anniversaries

- 16 Jay & Stephanie Johnson
- 20 Bob & Cheryl Fox
- 24Larry & Sally Farner

December Birthdays

- 7Bonnie Mace
- 14Liane Armstrong
- 19Tim Cartwright Jr
- 20Matthew Johnson
- 21Gladys Willis
- 23 Sylvia Boyce
- 29Denise Williams

If I have overlooked someone's name or made an error please contact Sharie Adrig.



Members serving in November

Altar GuildJoEllen Klempan
Bonnie Mace

Reader.....Miki Turowski

Sunday School.....Carolyn Cartwright
Judy Armstrong
Chelette Williams

Members serving in December

Altar GuildCarol Henning

ReaderTim Cartwright Jr

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Judy Armstrong
Chelette Williams

Substitutes for Sunday School
Mollie Erickson and Mary Moen

Thanks to all that are signing up to host coffee hour! If you are interested, the sign up sheet is on the counter in the fellowship hall!

Check us out at
<http://www.elcbremerton.org>

If you need to contact Pastor Tim Cartwright you can call-286-1090.

If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sharie Adrig 377-2448 or Judy Armstrong 479-4892.

Any comments or questions about the newsletter call Sharie Adrig-377-2448